(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Certain stretches of NH 2 between Agra aod Calcutta totaling to 477 Kms. are covered by these projects.

(d) The projects are targeted for completion by December 2003.

Performance of oujar ports

1057. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: WiU the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have reviewed the performance of each major port;

(b) if so, the ports which are mmi dividends since last three jars and the ports which are sustaiing lasses;

(c) the reasons for losses; and

(d) the steps taken to improve the performance of each port?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF tFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN lAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) As the Port Trusts are not companies, the question of earning dividends does not arise. However, all the Major Port Trusts *except* Calcutta Port Trust (CPT) have eanied operating surplus during the last three years. The reasons fior losses in the case of CPT is huge expenditure involved on dredging cbanoel.

(d) Constant efforts are being made by tbe management of CPT to attract more cargo to the Port and to reduce expenditure, wherever necessary.

Double laning of NB-l?

1058. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN Will the Minister of IJSURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to stttc;

(a) the total length of the NH-17 in Kerala and how many Kilometres of this length is developed into doable lane and four lane;

(b) whether Government have any proposal to convert inore length of NH-17 to double lane during ite year; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?